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SUBJECT: ANALYSIS OF THE ECONOMIC PORTION OF THE HAVANA
NACB COMMUNIQUE

1. THE DEPARTMENT'S ANALYSIS OF THE ECONOMIC PORTION OF
THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING
BUREAU OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT WHICH WAS HELD IN
HAVANA MAY 15 THROUGH 20 FOLLOWS FOR YOUR BACKGROUND
INFORMATION:

2. DESPITE ITS LENGTH THERE IS VERY LITTLE NEW IN IT.
THERE ARE SOME NUANCES IN TONE, HOWEVER. FOLLOWING THE
PATTERN OF THE COLOMBO MEETING, THE LANGUAGE IS LESS HARSH
AND STRIDENT. ALTHOUGH SOMEWHAT LESS MODERATE THAN RECENT
G-77 POLICY STATEMENTS, IT AVOIDS SOME OF THE MORE EXTREME
FORMULATIONS OF THE NIEO AND THE LIMA DECLARATION SUCH AS
THE CALLS FOR INDEXATION, AND THE 25 TARGET FOR INDUSTRIAL
PRODUCTION IN THE LDC'S BY THE YEAR 2000. UNLIKE THE
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G-77, THE NAM CONTINUES TO CALL FOR RESTITUTION FOR PAST
LOSSES FROM COLONIALISM, ZIONISM, ETC.

3. WHILE STRIKING A GENERALLY NEGATIVE AND GLOOMY TONE
ABOUT THE LACK OF PROGRESS IN THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE

OR EVEN RETROGRESSION, THE COMMUNIQUE DOES STRIKE SEVERAL
POSITIVE NOTES. THESE INCLUDE APPRECIATION FOR SOME DEBT
RELIEF, INITIATION OF IFAD AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE,
ALTHOUGH IT DEPLORES A LACK OF THE WILL TO NEGOTIATE IN
THE COW ON THE PART OF GROUP B. PERHAPS THE MOST POSITIVE
STATEMENT IS ITS NOTE OF A "SPIRIT OF COOPERATION WHICH
SEEMS TO BE MOVING IN CERTAIN AREAS OF INTERNATIONAL
NEGOTIATION" WHICH "SHOULD BE PRESERVED, STRENGTHENED AND
UNIVERSALIZED".

4. FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW THE MOST UNFORTUNATE THING
IN THE COMMUNIQUE IS THE REITERATION IN STRONG TERMS OF
NAM OPPOSITION TO THE BASIC HUMAN NEEDS STRATEGY. THE
CRITICISM IS IN TERMS OF ESCHEWING PRESSURES ON LDC'S IN
SHAPING DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES AND POLICIES, INSISTENCE
THAT PRIMARY DEVELOPING RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDING BHN

REST WITH THE LDC'S AND THE CHARGE THAT THE BHN WOULD
ACCENTUATE EXISTING DISTORTIONS AND DIRECT INTERNATIONAL
ATTENTION AWAY FROM THE NEED TO ESTABLISH THE NIEO. WE
HAVE LEARNED FROM OUR EMBASSY IN NEW DELHI THAT THE
INDIAN DELEGATION TAKES CREDIT FOR THIS STRONG ATTACK ON
THE BHN.

5. THERE ARE ALSO SOME INTERESTING NUANCES CONCERNING THE
ROLE OF THE NAM IN THE G-77. WITH REGARD TO THE
PREPARATIONS FOR UNCTAD V, THE COMMUNIQUE STATES THE NEED
TO MAINTAIN THE CATALYTIC ROLE OF NAM IN THE G-77. WITH
REGARD TO AN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR
DEVELOPMENT DECADE III, HOWEVER, IT CALLS ON THE NAM TO
TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO DRAFT A NEW IDS BASED ON THE
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PRINCIPLES OF THE NIEO AND IT RECALLED ITS EARLIER
DECISION TO ESTABLISH AN EXPERT WORKING GROUP OF NAM
COUNTRIES TO ELABORATE A BLUEPRINT BASED ON THE TWIN
PILLARS OF GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCE AND COLLECTIVE SELF-
RELIANCE WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPLEMENTING THE NIEO.
IN THE SAME CONNECTION IT TOOK ANOTHER SLAP AT THE BHN
AS EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL SOCIAL,
ECONOMIC, AND POLITICAL PROCESS WHICH IS NOT ONLY UN-
DESIRABLE BUT COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE.

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